

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to AMDT filed 2-14-05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-14.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 09 January 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-14 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claim 1 teaches towards a wireless piconet network device comprising a piconet front end, a unique non-IEEE address and a passcode or PIN selection module to allow a user to provide a passcode or PIN associated with at least one other wireless piconet network device within range of said wireless piconet network device, and a unique address retrieval module that uses said passcode or PIN to retrieve a unique address from said at least one other wireless piconet network device.

Claims 7 and 11 teach towards a system and method for obtaining a unique address pairing between separate wireless piconet network devices, comprising singly entering a passcode or PIN into a first wireless piconet network device including a piconet front end, said passcode or PIN being distinct from an IEEE address, and providing to said first wireless piconet network device a unique address of a second wireless piconet network device only if a passcode or PIN in said second wireless piconet network devices matches said single entered passcode or PIN, wherein at least two piconet network devices in a common piconet network are associated with said single entered passcode or PIN.

While the BLUETOOTH standards and the prior art teach a passcode and means to resolve said passcode to a BR_ADDR for an inquiry, it is neither taught nor suggested by the prior art to send a PIN or passcode in a general or limited inquiry for

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the purposes of matching said PIN to retrieve the BR_ADDR; the BLUETOOTH standards include means for matching PINs in two devices, but such a pairing or bonding action occurs after an inquiry provides the BR_ADDR to the inquiring device.

Claims 2-6, 8-10 and 12-14 are allowed as being dependent on claims 1, 7 and 11 above.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Charles R. Craver whose telephone number is 571-272-7849. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:00-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nick Corsaro can be reached on 571-272-7876. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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